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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2005.

In the Office Action, claims 48-67 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meckley et al. (USPN 6,267,628) in view of Fair et al. (USPN 6,250,964). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 48 recites, among other things, a frame defining an upper row of jacks and a lower row of jacks, wherein each jack in the upper row is horizontally offset with respect to an adjacent jack in the lower row at least a distance of approximately a length of a jack. Independent claim 55 recites features similar to those of claim 48, and, therefore, the rejection over claims 48 and 55 will be addressed together.

Unlike the inventions of claim 48 and 55, neither Meckley nor Fair, either by itself or in a reasonable combination with one another, teaches or suggests an upper row of jacks and a lower row of jacks, wherein each jack in the upper row is horizontally offset with respect to an adjacent jack in the lower row at least a distance of approximately a length of a jack.